

14. A maneuverable and adjustable lawn mower as in claim 1 further comprised of:
- a handle having a handle stem to pivot simultaneously in two different geometrical planes relative to a handle pivot axis;
 - a stopper bracket to restrict pivotal movement;
 - a locking means to releasably lock the said handle in a predetermined storage configuration.
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REMARKS--General

The claims objections under 112 and the claims rejections under 103 have been addressed with the redrafting of the claims. Applicant feels that the invention provides new and unobvious features which could not be attained even by combining in hindsight all of the features of the prior art of record.

Applicant wishes to make the following remarks concerning the new claims:

Claim 1 has been narrowed to further define over the prior art.

Applicant would like to indicate that Parker (3,782,085) does not have a guiding wheel but rather a circular housing (82) which partially shrouds the blade (78). Its purpose is just that, it is not adapted to rollably abut against guiding surfaces such as edge walls, fences or the like as the guiding wheel of this instant application. There is no similarity between the circular housing of Parker and the guiding wheel of this instant invention other than a circular shape on a two dimensional drawing.

The issues concerning the height adjustment of the front caster type wheel has also been addressed by narrowing the new claim 13.

Regarding the handle, both of the referred patents by Schantz and Smith disclose a steering mechanism to turn the wheels of the lawnmower in order to steer it. In this instant application, the function of the handle being pivotable about two axis is not for steering purposes but rather for storage purpose as well as for offering alternative methods of holding the lawnmower while in use.

Applicant hopes that he has responded to the Office Action in an appropriate manner.

Applicant believes that the new sets of claims should be allowed as they clearly define the invention over the prior art. However, if necessary, Applicant

Requests For Constructive Assistance

The undersigned has made a diligent effort to amend the claims of this application so that they define unobvious structure because it produces new and unexpected results. If for any reasons the claims of this application are not believed to be in full condition for allowance, applicant respectfully requests the constructive assistance and suggestions of the Examiner in drafting one or more claims pursuant to MPEP 707.07(j) or in making constructive suggestions pursuant to MPEP 706.03(d) in order that this application can be placed in allowable condition as soon as possible and without the need for further proceedings.

Very Respectfully,


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